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CHAO-CHAO!

MORE TEA, MR. SONIC?

THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GOOD SPORT, SONIC.

SURE.

NO PROBLEM, MISS VANILLA. I PROMISED CREAM A TEA PARTY ON A SLOW DAY.

FWASH!
--CONTROL!

CLANG!
UNDOCUMENTED ZONE ARRIVAL.
POSTPONE OBJECTIVES.
LOCATE RESIDENT DR. ROBOTNIK.
BLAST IT!
HEY, SHADOW?
WOULD YOU MIND GETTING OFF THE TABLE?
Ah... SORRY.

STATION SQUARE.
...AND THEN I WAS STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR TEA PARTY!
HUH. OKAY, THAT MAKES SENSE.

IT DOES?
SURE! WE'RE ALL FROM ANOTHER WORLD, TOO!

I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE FROM A DIFFERENT "ZONE"...
...BUT OUR HOME WORLD IS DIFFERENT ENOUGH. IN THE CASE OF THIS WORLD, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD.

NEVER MIND THAT. COME ON! I'LL GIVE YOU THE GRAND TOUR!
BUT, METAL SONIC...
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YEAH!

ISN'T HE DEAD?

LONG STORY. HE'S BETTER NOW.

COOL!

YOU'RE DOING THE RE-BUILDING YOURSELVES?

YEAH. COULDN'T AFFORD THE PROFESSIONALS.

WEEE! HAMMER HAMMER HAMMER!

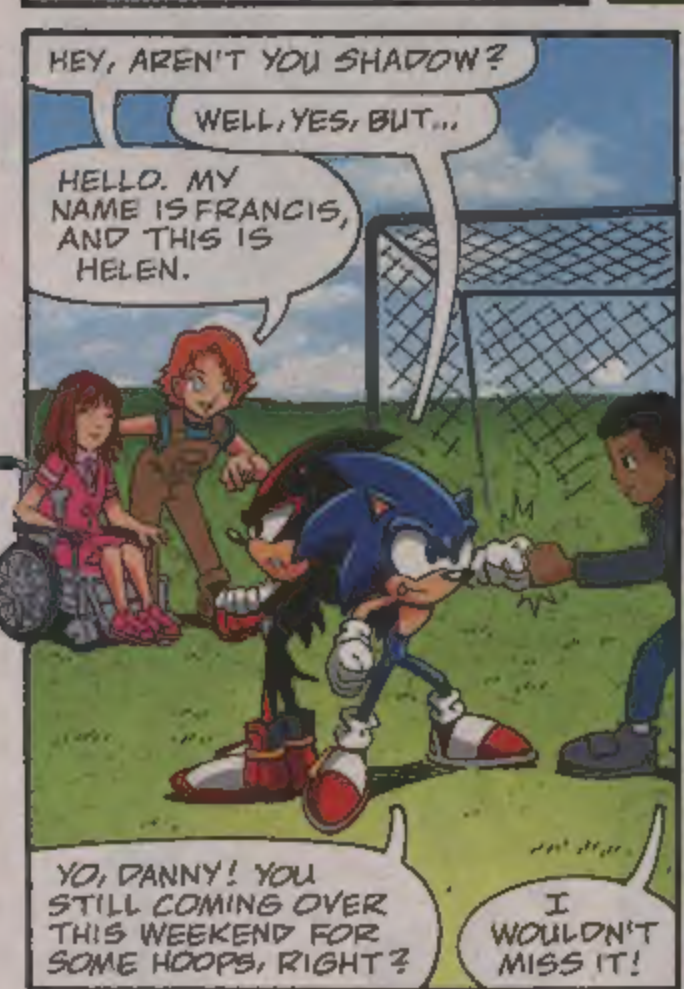
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

HUH? OH! A SHADOWY ORGANIZATION TURNED VECTOR INTO A FORTY-FOOT MONSTER AND HE GREW THROUGH THE ROOF!

YOU GUYS BE SAFE! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

STATION SQUARE ELEMENTARY.

THERE'S SOMEBODY WHO'S GOING TO BE EXCITED TO SEE YOU.
BUT I'M NOT FROM YOUR WORLD.
DOESN'T MATTER.
SONIC!


HEY, AREN'T YOU SHADOW?
WELL, YES, BUT...
HELLO. MY NAME IS FRANCIS, AND THIS IS HELEN.
YO, DANNY! YOU STILL COMING OVER THIS WEEKEND FOR SOME HOOPS, RIGHT?
I WOULDN'T MISS IT!

HEY, CHRIS! LOOK WHO IT IS!
SHADOW...?
SHADOW--!

I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN.

I'M FINE.
AND THOUGH I'VE COME BACK, I MUST KEEP MOVING.

BUT YOU'LL BE BACK ONE DAY, RIGHT?
YES... ONE DAY.

EGGMAN'S TOWER...
KNOCK! KNOCK!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
I'M COMIN'! I'M COMIN'! SHEESH!
UNLESS YOU'RE SELLING COOKIES, YOU CAN... CAN...
AAAAAAAH!!

AAAAAH!!

KEEP IT DOWN, BOKKUN!

DECOE AND I ARE WORKING HERE!

WHAT BOCOE SAID!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO LET IT IN!

!

!

AAAAAAAAAHH!!

WHAT'S THAT RACKET?! I'M SCHEMING IN HERE!

EGAD! A ROBOT SONIC!
>> RESIDENT DR. ROBOTNIK LOCATED.
THIS UNIT ORIGINATES FROM THE PRIME ZONE. PLEASE PROVIDE MISSION OBJECTIVES.
WH-WHAT IS IT TALKING ABOUT, DR. EGGMAN?
I BELIEVE THIS "PRIME ZONE" IT REFERS TO IS AN ALTERNATE REALITY. A WORLD MUCH LIKE THIS ONE, BUT ALSO DIFFERENT IN MANY WAYS.
ANOTHER WORLD WITH A ROBOT SONIC? THAT'S PREPOS-TEROUS!
UNLIKE A WORLD OF TALKING ANIMALS OR CREATURES LIKE DR. EGGMAN?
IMAGINE! WHOLE OTHER WORLDS OF CANDY!
NO MATTER WHERE IT CAME FROM, IT'S A KILLER ROBOT. THIS MIGHT BE JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

HIGH SPEED POLICE GARAGE...

...AND THIS IS SAM SPEED, HEAD OF THE HIGH SPEED POLICE.

MY NEPHEW SPOKE HIGHLY OF YOU BEFORE, SHADOW

BUT I THOUGHT CHRIS SAID YOU WERE...

NO. I AM NOT DEAD.

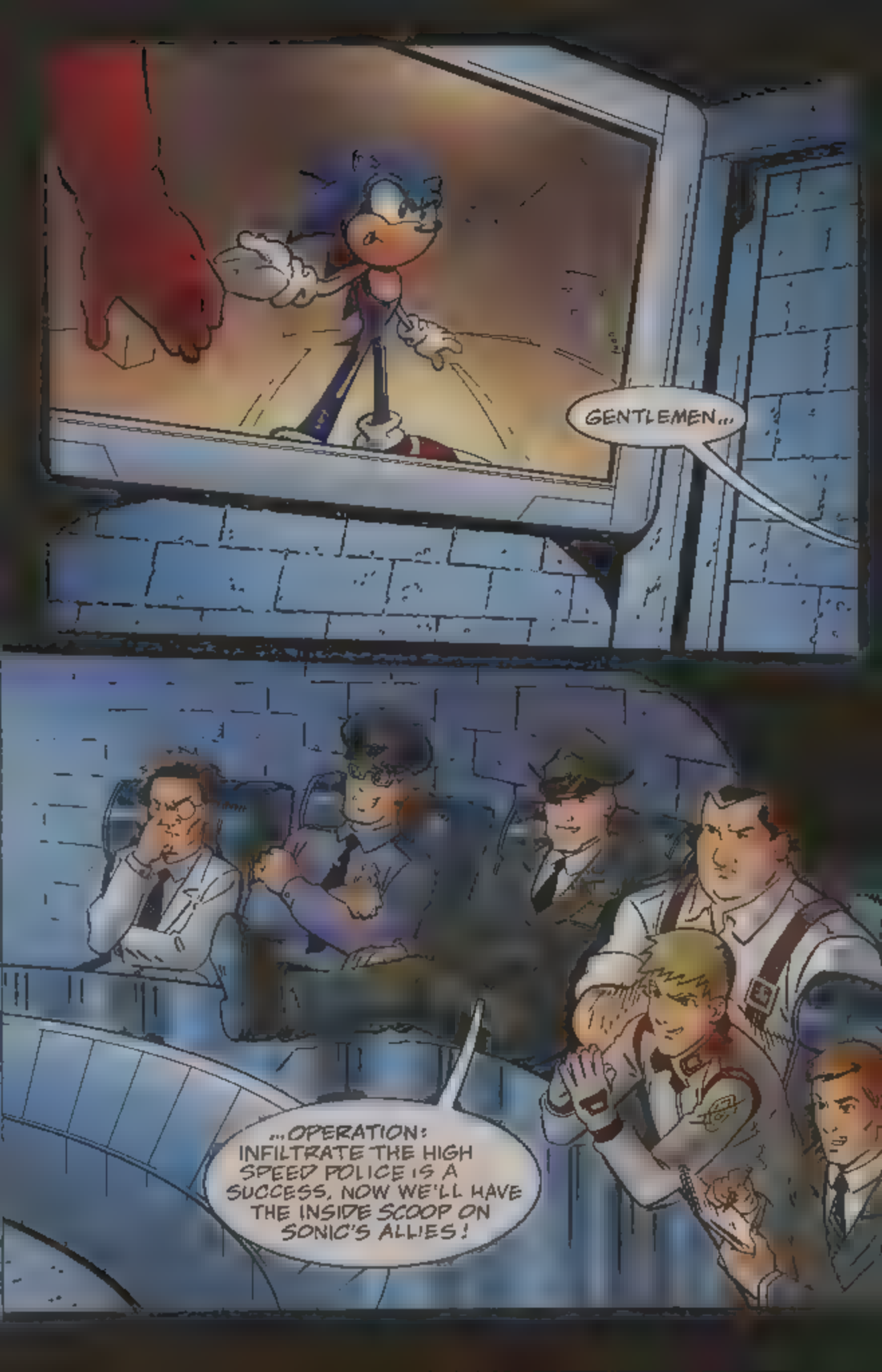
GOOD TO KNOW! ANYWAY, MY PART OF THE POLICE USES THESE RACE-CARS TO ENFORCE THE LAW HERE IN STATION SQUARE.

WHY RACE-CARS?

HOW ELSE WOULD WE CATCH SPEEDERS?

NEVER MIND

VEET!


GENTLEMEN...
...OPERATION: INFILTRATE THE HIGH SPEED POLICE IS A SUCCESS, NOW WE'LL HAVE THE INSIDE SCOOP ON SONIC'S ALLIES!

CONTACT THE ORGANIZER AND LET HIM KNOW THAT...

=GAK!=

TH-THAT'S SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG! HE'S EVEN WORSE THAN SONIC!

NO! NO MORE MULTI-COLORED HEDGE-HOGS!

SHADOW?! HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD!

SONIC ALONE WE COULD HANDLE, BUT IF THEY HAVE SHADOW WITH THEM...

THAT'S NO FAIR, SCRAP THE PLAN!

EGGMAN'S TOWER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR FORMER MASTER WAS LIKE, BUT YOU HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH A TRUE GENIUS!
TRUE, I'VE HAD MY SET-BACKS.
BUT WHAT IS SCIENCE WITHOUT TS FITS AND STARTS? A TRUE GENIUS CAN SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE!
Y'KNOW, I ALMOST CONQUERED THE WORLD ONCE!
SHUSH! DON'T MAKE THE SCARY ROBOT LOOK AT US!
ONLY A GENIUS WOULD SEND A KILLER ROBOT SONIC TO ME!
AND I'M MORE THAN ENOUGH OF A GENIUS TO USE YOU TO THE FULLEST!
HOW MANY TIMES IS HE GOING TO SAY "GENIUS"?

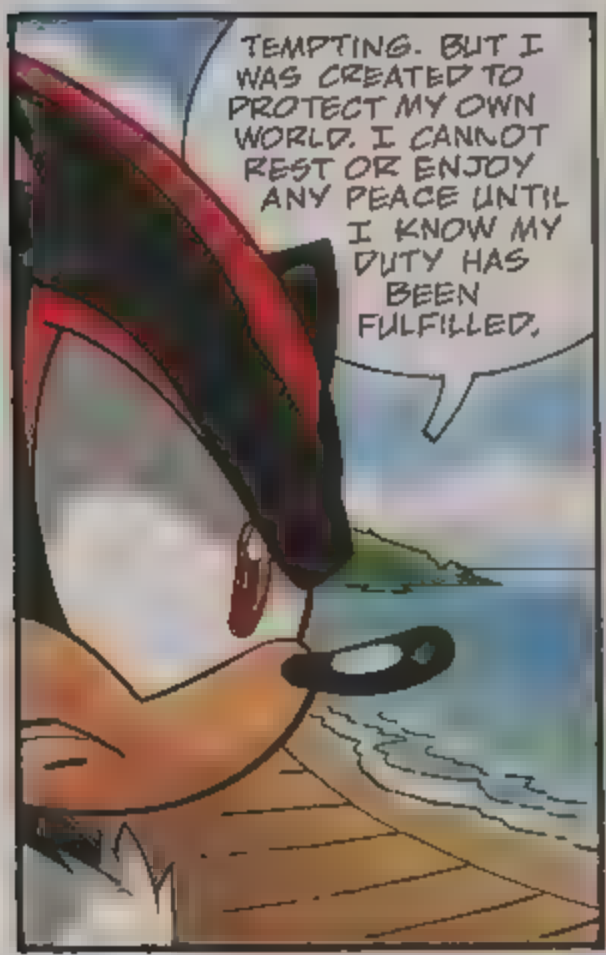
KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS WHILE I'M GONE, BOYS! I'M OFF TO DEFEAT SONIC ONCE AND FOR ALL!

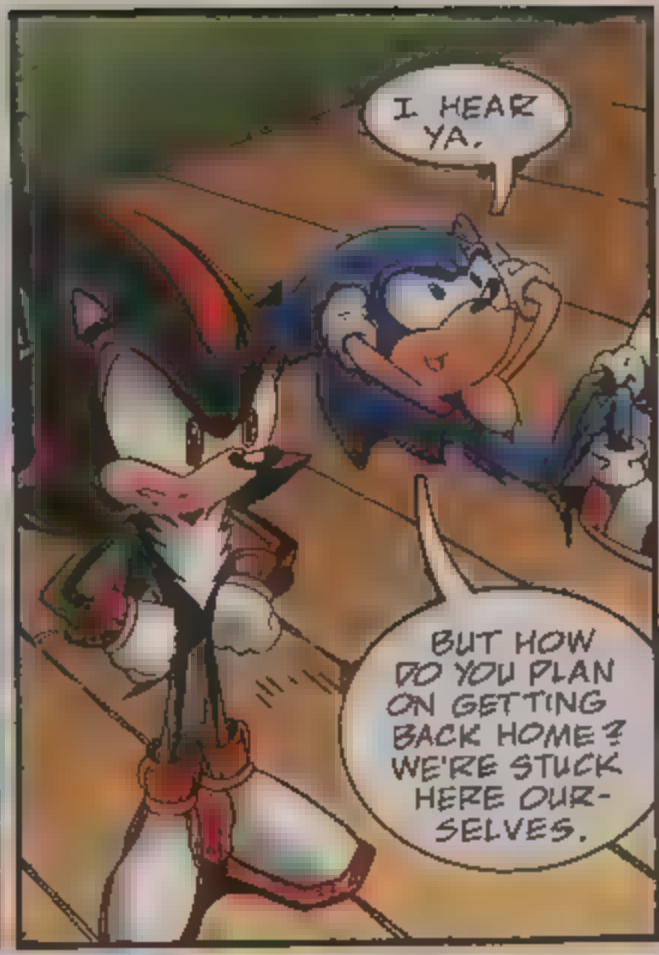
DYU-HU-HU-HOO!

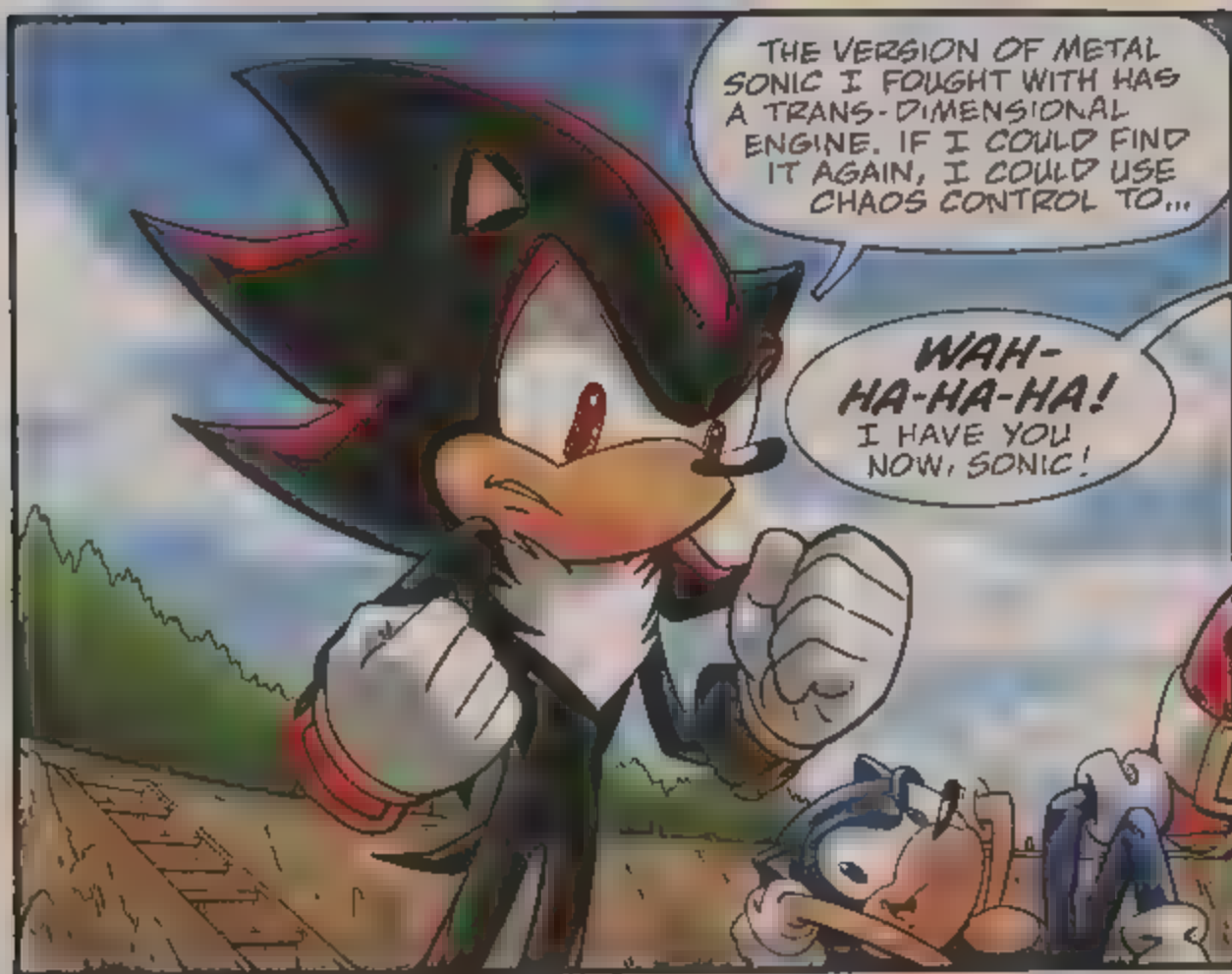
STATION SQUARE.

YOU HAVE A VERY PEACEFUL WORLD HERE, SONIC.

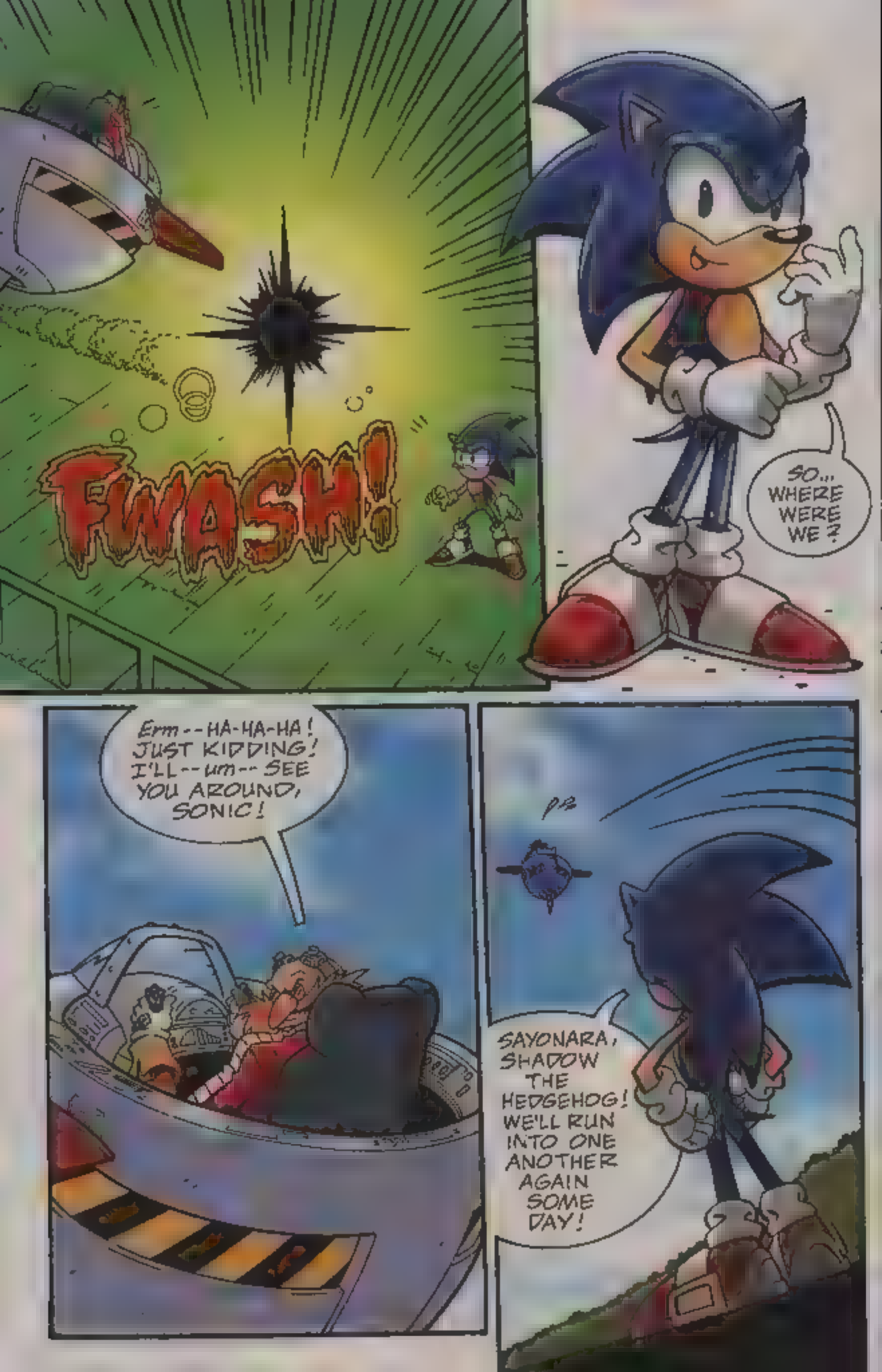
YOU'RE WELCOME TO STICK AROUND AND ENJOY IT, SHADOW.


TEMPTING. BUT I WAS CREATED TO PROTECT MY OWN WORLD. I CANNOT REST OR ENJOY ANY PEACE UNTIL I KNOW MY DUTY HAS BEEN FULFILLED.


I HEAR YA.
BUT HOW DO YOU PLAN ON GETTING BACK HOME? WE'RE STUCK HERE OUR-SELVES.


THE VERSION OF METAL SONIC I FOUGHT WITH HAS A TRANS-DIMENSIONAL ENGINE. IF I COULD FIND IT AGAIN, I COULD USE CHAOS CONTROL TO...
WAH-HA-HA-HA! I HAVE YOU NOW, SONIC!

BEHOLD! A ROBOT DOUBLE TO--!
SHADOW?!
>>RESUMING PREVIOUS OBJECTIVES.
>>TARGET: SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.
I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, THAT'S A NICE LOOKING ROBOT!
HERE'S MY CHANCE!
CHAOS--!


FWASH!
SO... WHERE WERE WE?
Erm--HA-HA-HA! JUST KIDDING! I'LL--um--SEE YOU AROUND, SONIC!
SAYONARA, SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG! WE'LL RUN INTO ONE ANOTHER AGAIN SOME DAY!

EGGMAN'S TOWER.

SLAM!

DOCTOR! WHAT'S WRONG?!

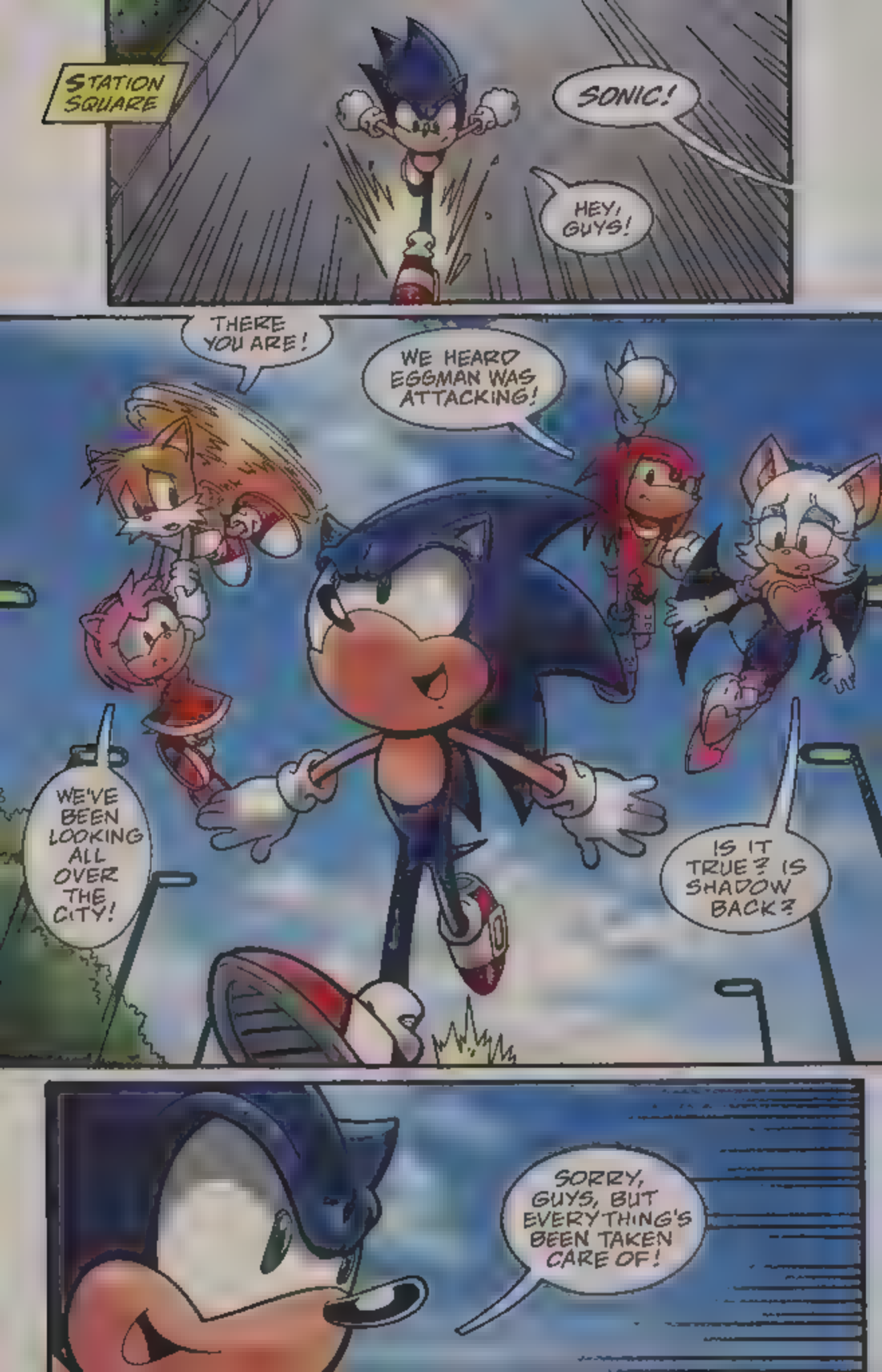
IT COULDN'T BE--!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SCARY ROBOT?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

I WAS THERE! I RESCUED HIM MYSELF!

YOU'RE STILL HERE... THEN WHAT DID I SEE OUT THERE?


STATION SQUARE
SONIC!
HEY, GUYS!
THERE YOU ARE!
WE HEARD EGGMAN WAS ATTACKING!
WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER THE CITY!
IS IT TRUE? IS SHADOW BACK?
SORRY, GUYS, BUT EVERYTHING'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!

WELCOME HOME, EVERYONE.

I HEAR YOU HAD A BUSY DAY TODAY!

THANKS, MR. TANAKA, ELLA! IT'S BEEN INTERESTING!

NO SHADOW? I'M SORRY, ROUGE.

IF HE CAN'T STICK AROUND TO SAY "HELLO" TO ME, THEN WHO NEEDS HIM?

JUST SO LONG AS YOU'RE ALL HOME SAFE AND SOUND!

HOME? YEAH, I GUESS THIS IS HOME NOW.

YOU BET!

HE'S GONE AGAIN, ISN'T HE?

YEAH, ON TO ANOTHER ADVENTURE! AND COME TOMORROW, SO WILL WE!

YEAH!

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